

Signs and Symptoms

Amphetamines (Adderall, Dexedrine)

Methylphenidate (Concerta, Ritalin)

Street Names: Uppers, Dexies, Bennies, Pep pills

Method of Use: Swallowed, Snorted, Injected

Symptoms/Effects of Use

- ▶ Reduced appetite/weight loss (*leads to malnourishment*)
- ▶ Hostility/aggressiveness
- ▶ Paranoia/panic
- ▶ Irritability
- ▶ Rapid speech
- ▶ Restlessness
- ▶ Nosebleeds, sinus problems (*if snorting*)
- ▶ Increased/irregular heart rate
- ▶ Increased blood pressure
- ▶ Dangerously high body temperatures
- ▶ Increased alertness, attention, and energy
- ▶ Potential for cardiovascular failure (*stroke*) or seizures
- ▶ Hallucinations/tremors

What to Look For

- ▶ Mood swings
- ▶ Increased energy (*that is out of the ordinary*)
- ▶ Missing medications
- ▶ Doctor shopping
- ▶ Faking an illness (*frequenting wanting to go to the doctor*)
- ▶ Unexplained loss of money

Withdrawal Symptoms

- ▶ Mood changes
- ▶ Increased appetite
- ▶ Agitation
- ▶ Depression
- ▶ Excessive sleep
- ▶ Vivid dreams

Note: Each person may experience different symptoms/effects. This list is not inclusive.
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